

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 41-50 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 32-40 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

A. The Office Action rejects claims 32-50 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0059584 A1 to Ferman et al. (hereafter "Ferman"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants attach a Verified Translation of Korean Patent Application No. 41190/1999 (filed September 22, 1999). Applicants further submit that at least claims 32-50 are entitled to priority dates that are prior to Ferman's March 30, 2001 filing date and the September 14, 2000 filing date of its priority document, Provisional Application No. 60/232,377. Thus, Ferman is not prior art as to those claims. Claims 32-40 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 32-50 over Ferman is respectfully requested.

B. The Office Action rejects claims 32-37 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,321,221 to Bieganski and U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0052880 A1 to Fruensgaard et al. (hereafter "Fruensgaard"). The Office Action rejects claims 38-40 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Bieganski, Fruensgaard and Ferman. The rejections are

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respectfully traversed and moot because the indicated claims have been canceled.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 32-40 under §103 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully submit the ~~Key to the Office~~ claims are canceled for prosecution in a continuation application. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **Carl R. Wesolowski**, at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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